

Remarks

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Piziali for the courteous telephone interview extended to Mr. Stephen Beuerle on June 8, 2009. A Summary of Interview, pursuant to MPEP 713.04, is provided herein.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 are pending in the present application, and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 have been amended.

Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Summary of Interview Pursuant to MPEP 713.04**(A) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted**

There was no exhibit shown or demonstration conducted.

(B) Identification of the claims discussed

Claim 1 was discussed.

(C) Identification of specific prior art discussed

U.S. Pat. No. 6,047,196 (Makela) was generally discussed.

(D) Identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary form completed by the examiner.

The following amendments to claim 1 were discussed:

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile phone, the mobile phone including an upper phone member with a display and a lower phone member, the mobile phone comprising:

an alphanumeric keypad, the alphanumeric keypad including a left set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys and a right set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys separated by a centerline, the left set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys including a top row with a right-most key, the right set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys including a top row with a left-most key, and the right-most key of the top row of the left set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys being immediately adjacent to the left-most key of the top row of the right set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys, the left set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the left of the centerline, and the right set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys arranged in one or more respective arcs having one or more respective arc centers located to the right of the centerline; and

a numeric keypad including a plurality of phone number input keys that together are arranged in a rectangular configuration for entering phone numbers, and distinct from, the left and right sets of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys, wherein the left set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys and the right set of one or more rows of alphanumeric input keys are sandwiched between the display and the numeric keypad,

wherein the alphanumeric keypad, the display, the numeric keypad, and the mobile phone are vertically aligned and include a common centerline there through.

(E) The general thrust of the principal arguments of the applicant and the examiner should also be identified, even where the interview is initiated by the examiner. The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner

The combination of the cited references does not disclose, teach, or suggest, among other things, the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys arranged in one or more respective arcs, as claimed, and "the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys are sandwiched between the display and the numeric keypad, and the alphabetical keypad, the display, and the numeric keypad are vertically aligned and include a common centerline through the mobile phone."

(F) A general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed

The 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections were also discussed and it was agreed to make the amendments to the claims herein.

(G) If appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview

It was agreed that Applicant would submit a response with the above amendments to the claims. Examiner Piziali indicated that he would consider the above amendments and would perform an updated prior art search.

(H) In the case of an interview via electronic mail, a paper copy of the Internet e-mail contents MUST be made and placed in the patent application file as required by the Federal Records Act in the same manner as an Examiner Interview Summary Form, PTOL 413, is entered.

The subject telephone interview was telephonic, making this requirement moot.

35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph (Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15);

Pursuant to the June 8, 2009 telephone interview with Examiner Piziali, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 have been amended accordingly.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph (Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15);

Pursuant to the June 8, 2009 telephone interview with Examiner Piziali, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 have been amended accordingly.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) (Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15; Makela/Hughes/Kang)

Pursuant to the June 8, 2009 telephone interview with Examiner Piziali, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended in accordance the interview.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In regard to independent claim 1, the combination of the cited references does not disclose, teach, or suggest, among other things, the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys arranged in one or more respective arcs with respective arc centers located to the left/right of the centerline and "the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys are sandwiched between the display and the numeric keypad, and the alphabetical keypad, the display, and the numeric keypad are vertically aligned and include a common centerline through the mobile phone."

In regard to independent claim 10, the combination of the cited references does not disclose, teach, or suggest, among other things, lines drawn through the left-most alphabetical input key and the right most alphabetical input key of the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and through the right-most alphabetical input key and the left most alphabetical input key of the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys intersect the centerline, immediately adjacent the right-most alphabetical input key of the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and the left-most alphabetical input key of the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys, to form a V shape with a vertex intersecting the centerline, and "the left set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys and the right set of one or more rows of alphabetical input keys are sandwiched between the display and the numeric keypad, and the alphabetical keypad, the display, and the numeric keypad are vertically aligned and include a common centerline through the mobile phone."

Because dependent claims 2, 4-8, 11, and 13-15 add further limitations to independent claims 1 and 10, these dependent claims are also not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the combination of the cited references.

Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 are not obvious over Makela in view of Hughes and further in view of Kang because the combination of the cited references does not disclose, teach, or suggest these claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For all of the forgoing reasons, allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, and 13-15 is respectfully requested. If necessary, Applicant requests, under provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application and to charge the fees for a large entity under 37 CFR 1.17(a). The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) or credit any overpayment(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-3001 of Kyocera Wireless Corp.

Respectfully Submitted,

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